

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 7.

Please add the following new claims.

8. (New) A handle for vehicle doors or hinged lids, the handle comprising
  - a) a manually operated grip (10), and a manually operated push-button switch (20) integrated in the grip (10).
  - b) a locking system for locking, unlocking, opening and/or closing a lock in the door or hinged lid, wherein an actuation of the grip (10) or the push-button switch (20) acts on the locking system;
  - c) wherein the push-button switch (20) is comprised of two structural units (21, 31) which can be individually preassembled, and wherein the preassembled structural units are mounted in the grip;
  - d) wherein the first structural unit (21) is shell-shaped and is comprised of a nondeformable bell-like housing (22), an elastic membrane (23) for sealing the base of the visible end of the shell, and a

nondeformable push-button (24) on the membrane (23) at the base;

e) a shell opening (28) at a rear side of the first structural unit (21) located opposite the membrane (23);

f) wherein the second structural unit (31) is preassembled from a circuit board (33) with electrical feed and conduction cables (19) and a micro switch (30) mounted on the circuit board;

g) wherein, for assembling the handle, the second structural unit (31) is inserted in a shell interior (46) of the first structural unit (21), while, in the inserted position, the first structural unit (21) protrudes with a projecting shell edge (34) beyond the rear side of the second structural unit (31);

h) a safety plate (37) for securing the inserted position of the two structural units (21, 31), wherein the safety plate (37) at least partially covers the circuit board (33) on the rear side of the inserted second structural unit (31), and wherein the safety plate (37) is secured in the projecting shell edge (43) of the first structural unit (21);

- i) wherein a remaining part (47) of the shell edge (43) remains of the housing (22) of the first structural unit (21) and serves as a mold; and
  - k) wherein the mold receives a sealing compound (48) which, after fastening, closes off the shell opening (28) of the first structural unit (21).
9. (New) The handle according to claim 8, wherein the periphery of the safety plate (37) is provided with sharp-pointed tips (38), wherein the tips engage in the projecting shell area (43) of the first structural unit (21) for attaching the safety plate (37) to the second structural unit (31) by engaging in the projecting shell area (43) of the first structural unit (21).
10. (New) The handle according to Claim 8, wherein the components of the first structural unit (21) are assembled from the nondeformable sleeve-shaped housing (22) as well as the elastic membrane (23) and finally the non-deformable pressure actuator (24), using a multiple-component technique.

11. (New) The handle according to Claim 8, further comprising a ring-shaped volume reducer (35) mounted in the interior of the shell of the first structural component, wherein after placing the second structural unit (31) in the interior of the first structural component the annular interior of the first structural component surrounds the microswitch (31) at a radial distance.
12. (New) The handle according to Claim 8, wherein the push button (24) of the first structural unit (21) has an axial extension (26) in the shell interior (46) for receiving a spring-tensioned pusher (40), wherein, in the finished assembly state, the axial extension (26) is in alignment with the push button (32) of the microswitch (30) of the second structural unit (31).
13. (New) The handle according to claim 8, wherein the push button (24) of the first structural unit (21) has in the shell interior (46) axially parallel projections (45) which at least partially like segments surround at a radial distance the pusher (40) of the first structural

unit (21) and/or the microswitch (40) of the second structural unit (31).

14. (New) The handle according to claim 8, wherein the housing (22) of the first structural unit (21) has pins (44), wherein the positions of the pins conform to an arrangement of holes (34) in the circuit board (33) of the second structural unit (31) and/or to a hole arrangement pattern (39) in the safety plate (37) which is placed over the second structural unit (31).
15. (New) The handle according to claim 8, wherein, for securing the circuit board (33) of the second structural unit (31), pins extending through openings are provided at the housing (22) of the first structural unit (21), wherein the ends of the pins are fastened by upsetting or welding.